

Con-men, Communists and labor unions

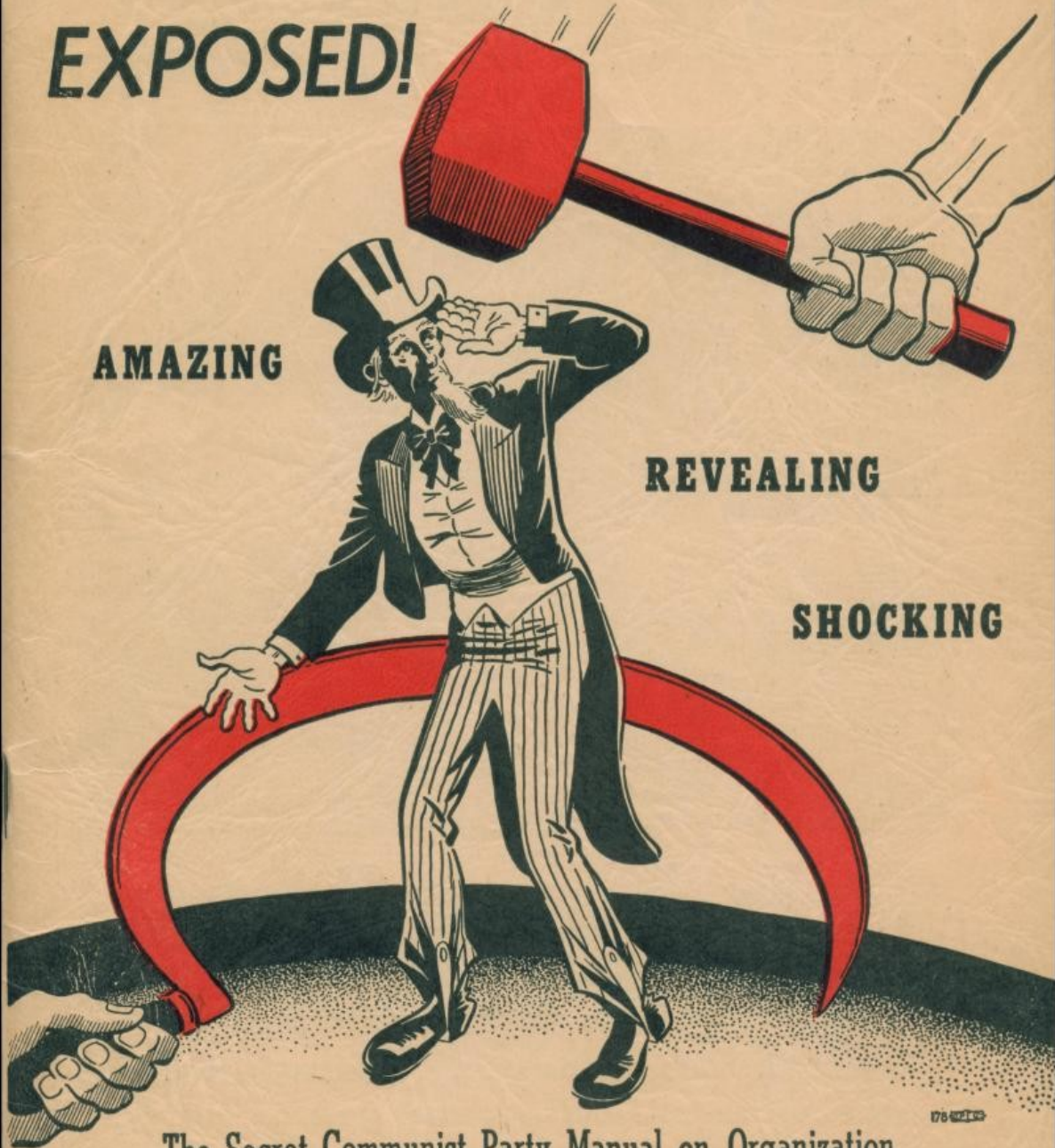
I periodically come across folders that peak my interest more than others. Sometimes it is the visual appeal, other times it is the topic or titling, and sometimes it is a combination. Recently I came across a folder about communism in labor unions, with materials dating from 1924 to 1968 which grabbed my attention for both the topic and visual component. These items, as collected by NAM, describe the threat Communism posed to labor unions, how one could identify a Communist, and what should be done.

SECRETS
of the
COMMUNIST PARTY
EXPOSED!

AMAZING

REVEALING

SHOCKING



The Secret Communist Party Manual on Organization
(Their Plan for Conquest of the United States and the World)

PRICE \$1.00

The cover of the booklet “Secrets of the Communist Party Exposed!” depicts Uncle Sam about to be harmed by the bright red hammer and sickle of communism. Held inside is the secret Communist Party manual on organization, and how they planned to conquer not only the United States but the entire world. In addition to the Communist manual written by J. Peters, the publisher of booklet, State Publishing Company, added visual commentary through several small political cartoons depicting the true image of Communists deceiving hard working Americans.

Secret Communist Party Manual on Organization

I. FUNDAMENTALS OF THE PARTY

The Communist Party is the organized vanguard of the working class, composed of the most class-conscious, the most courageous, the most self-sacrificing section of the proletariat. The Communist Party does not stand above, but is part and parcel of, the working class. It is the general staff of the proletariat.



The Communist Party is armed with the teachings of Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin. These teachings are a powerful weapon in the hands of the Communist Party. They enable the Party to direct the struggles of the working class along the correct line, and to gain victories while avoiding unnecessary sacrifices. These teachings enable the Party to know which forces are acting in the interests of the working class and which against it. By means of these teachings the Communist Party is able to find the best methods of struggle of the working class against capitalism, and for socialism.

THE ROLE AND AIM OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY

As the leader and organizer of the proletariat, the Communist Party of the U.S.A. leads the working class in the fight for the revolutionary overthrow of capitalism, for the establishment of the dictatorship of the proletariat, for the establishment of a Socialist Soviet Republic in the United States, for the complete abolition of classes, for the establishment of socialism, the first stage of the classless Communist society.

Our Party realizes that certain conditions must exist before the outworn capitalist system can be overthrown.

What are the conditions? Comrade Lenin, in his pamphlet, "Left Wing" Communism: An Infantile Disorder, answers this question.

"... for revolution it is essential, first, that a majority of the workers (or at least a majority of the class-conscious, thinking, politically active workers) should fully understand the necessity for revolution and be ready to sacrifice their lives for it; secondly, that the ruling classes be in a state of governmental crisis which draws even the most backward masses into politics, ... weakens the government and makes it possible for the revolutionaries to overthrow it rapidly."

These two conditions alone are not sufficient for the successful struggle of the working class. Even if the masses know that socialism liberates the working class, even if the masses know that socialism can be won only through revolution, unless there is a strongly organized Communist Party which explains the aims and methods of the struggle to the workers, unless it itself organizes these struggles, and is itself in the forefront of them, the revolution cannot be victorious. Lenin wrote about the need for a strong Communist Party as the advance guard of the working class in the following words:

"In order that the mass of a definite class may learn how to understand its own interests, its situation, may learn how to carry on its own policy, precisely for this an organization of the advanced elements of the class is immediately necessary at any cost though at the beginning these elements may form a negligible section of the class."

How will the Communist Party convince the majority of the working class that revolution is necessary? The Communist Party can do this by becoming the trusted vanguard, the beloved organizer and leader of the struggle of the working class. Agitation and prop-

According to much of the material, labor unions were ripe for communists to infiltrate, with one of their most important goals being the ultimate seizure of power. Communists were the "con men" of the labor movement, and it was the responsibility of employees to resist communist influence through loyalty to capitalism and democracy, having confidence in one's future, and undermining communist ambitions.

JAMES E. MURRAY, MONT., CHAIRMAN
LISTED WILL, ALA.
MATTHEW M. NEELY, W. VA.
PAUL H. DOUGLAS, ILL.
HUBERT H. HUMPHREY, MINN.
HERBERT H. LEHMAN, N. Y.
JOHN O. PASTORE, R. I.
ROBERT A. TAFT, OHIO
GEORGE D. AIKEN, VT.
H. ALEXANDER SMITH, N.J.
WAYNE MORSE, OREG.
IRVING M. IVES, N. Y.
RICHARD M. NIXON, CALIF.
WILLIAM H. COBURN, CHIEF CLERK

N.A.M.
CENTRAL FILES
RECEIVED
United States Senate
Nov 27 1951
COMMITTEE ON
LABOR AND PUBLIC WELFARE
RETURN TO FILES
November 1951

*Sympathetic
to
encourage our members to participate*

Mr. William H. Ruffin, President
National Association of Manufacturers
World Center Building
Washington, D. C.

RECEIVED
RFD. TO _____
NO. ANS. REC. _____ ANS. BY TEL. _____
E.B. NOV 16 1951 E.B.
A.M. 7 8 9 10 11 12 1 2 3 4 5 6 P.M.

Dear Mr. Ruffin:

You may know that the Senate Subcommittee on Labor and Labor-Management Relations has undertaken to investigate and hold hearings on a legislative program to deal with communist dominated unions. In order to define the problem as clearly as possible in advance of hearings, I am asking several people who have had experience in this field to give the Subcommittee the benefit of their judgment.

Specifically, we should like to get your comment in as much detail as you feel is necessary to the following broad questions:

- (1) Is there an effective legislative approach to the problem of communist dominated unions?
- (2) Can you suggest the principles or statutory language which ought to be embodied in such legislation?
- (3) Can you suggest avenues of inquiry which the Subcommittee ought to pursue, particularly those avenues which have not already been studied by other committees?

If there are phases of the problem which you feel are not covered by these questions, please feel free to expand your comment accordingly.

Enclosed is a committee print of a Senate document on communist control in certain unions. I know that the Senate will appreciate very much having your best judgment on this critical problem.

Sincerely yours,
Hubert H. Humphrey
Hubert H. Humphrey, Chairman
Subcommittee on Labor and
Labor-Management Relations

The pamphlets highlighted several communist strategies, tricks, and techniques. One pamphlet admitted that while no technique used to detect communist influence was foolproof, the “consistent and undeviating use of most of the following tactics may be deemed strong presumptive evidence of C.P. activity or sympathy.” The list includes defense of the Soviet Union, using the phrase “I am not a Communist, but...,” declaring everyone is phony except for us, pushing the party press, and using telltale terminology such as unity of the workers, broadening the base, sharpening the struggle, and the term “shop” instead of factory or plant. (“Communist Trade Union Trickery Exposed!,” 13-20)
